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2008 Calendar

September

1 NO Meeting/Program

15 Program: Photojournalism presented by George Sakkestad

18 The Art of Photography
Exhibit Installation - noon to 1:00 pm

October

2 The Art of Photography - Reception 6 to 8 pm
Town of Los Gatos Council Chambers,
110 East Main Street

6 Competition Color and Creative (slides/digital/prints)
Monochrome(prints)

20 Program Member 15-Image Presentations (maximum of 15 images digital, film, or prints)

Los Gatos firefighters battle a blaze started in the attic of this Los Gatos residence.
Photograph by George Sakkestad

Program September 15

Photojournalism presented by George Sakkestad

As a photojournalist, Sakkestad has literally taken tens of thousands of photos of the Los Gatos community. "I like entering someone's life and being part of it for awhile. I enjoy documenting their lives," he says.

Documenting lives is something that he has done since 1986, after graduating from San José State University with a degree in photojournalism. He has been a photojournalist for the Silicon Valley Community Newspapers and also Metro Newspapers. Sakkestad, a resident of Santa Cruz, has also done freelance work for numerous publications.

Sakkestad enjoys photographing the town of Los Gatos and has found it to be rewarding work. Known by many people in the area as the photographer with the trademark long hair, he has left an impact on the many lives he has had a chance to enter. "Full-grown men will come up to me and say, 'You shot me when I was in third grade.' I get that a lot. They remember me."

"Los Gatos is a colorful town to take pictures in," says Sakkestad. He enjoys what he calls "the rich, diversified community."

While trying to photograph an East Palo Alto gang early in his career, Sakkestad experienced the levels of danger he warns some of his young interns about. "There were about 10 kids gambling on a sidewalk and I thought it would make a great shot. At first, the gang thought I was an undercover cop," says Sakkestad. "When they realized I wasn't, they came after my car." As he drove off with the gang chasing him, a car had blocked his path. "Glass bottles started exploding on my car and my life literally flashed before my eyes," says Sakkestad.

Sakkestad has earned numerous awards for his work, from the California Newspaper Publishers Association, the Peninsula Press Club, the Association of Alternative Newsweeklies and the Bay Area Press Photographers Association.

Ultimately, Sakkestad would like his work to have an impact on those who see it. His goal is not to impress but rather to evoke emotion. "I want people to be moved by my work," he says. "I want to see that it affected someone."

Extracted from the Los Gatos Times Weekly of June 4, 2003 by Monika Downey

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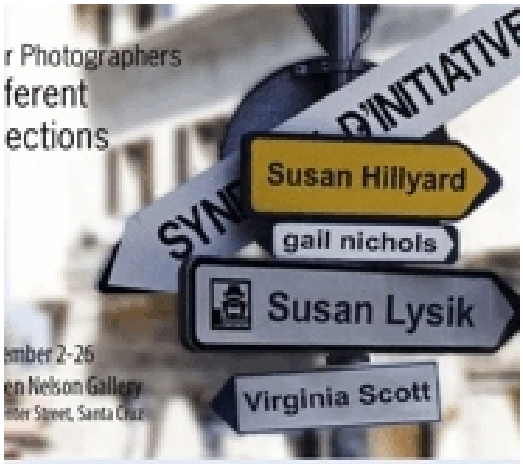
Different Directions, Four Photographers

Susan Hillyard, Virginia Scott and Gail Nichols, LGSCC Members, joined by fellow photographer Susan Lysik are having a showing of their images in Santa Cruz , September
2-26 and wish to extend an invitation to the club for the opening reception on September 5, 5-8 PM.

Louden Nelson Gallery
301 Center Street
Santa Cruz



Opening reception Friday, September 5 from 5 to 8 pm
First Friday Art Tour

Don't Forget!
"Member 15-Image Presentations" will be the program on October 20, 2008.
Any member may submit up to 15 related images for presentation to the entire Club. Here's your opportunity to delve into a photographic subject in detail and share it with us. This annual event highlights the diverse, creative, and excellent photography being done by members of our Club. It is always a stimulating and entertaining evening. See details at:
http://home.comcast.net/~lgscc/Member_15-Image_Presentations_2008.htm

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